



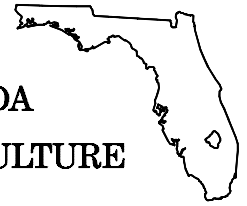
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## LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

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## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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351,000, 700-799 pounds were 548,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 392,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.69 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during February, 3 percent below 2003 but 10 percent above 2002.

### U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.98 million head on March 1, 2004. The inventory was up 4 percent from the 10.55 million head on March 1, 2003 but 5 percent below March 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.61 million, 2 percent below 2003 and 11 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.54 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 319,000, 600-699 pounds were

**CATTLE ON FEED:** U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, February 2003, January and February 2004

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
Feb 2003	260	371	593	426	1,650
Jan 2004	*367	466	576	342	*1,751
Feb 2004	319	351	548	392	1,610

\*Revised.

### Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, and United States

State	Number on feed February 1			Placed during February			Marketed during February			Other disappearance during February			Number on feed March 1		
	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	291	296	102	22	27	123	31	25	81	3	3	100	279	295	106
CA	480	500	104	54	56	104	56	52	93	3	4	133	475	500	105
CO	1,030	1,040	101	160	155	97	190	165	87	10	10	100	990	1,020	103
ID	290	275	95	48	43	90	57	52	91	1	1	100	280	265	95
IA	390	*385	99	63	61	97	71	40	56	2	1	50	380	405	107
KS	2,220	2,420	109	410	390	95	370	405	109	20	15	75	2,240	2,390	107
NE	2,220	2,280	103	330	350	106	350	345	99	10	15	150	2,190	2,270	104
NM	114	117	103	11	16	145	12	20	167	1	1	100	112	112	100
OK	330	350	106	46	47	102	55	59	107	1	3	300	320	335	105
SD	215	200	93	40	43	108	39	32	82	1	1	100	215	210	98
TX	2,600	2,770	107	370	350	95	395	420	106	15	10	67	2,560	2,690	105
WA	180	185	103	31	24	77	30	32	107	1	2	200	180	175	97
Oth. Sts.	340	310	91	65	48	74	77	45	58	3	3	100	325	310	95
U.S.	10,700	*11,128	104	1,650	1,610	98	1,733	1,692	98	71	69	97	10,546	10,977	104

\*Revised.

### Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2003		2004		2003		2004	
Feb 21	78.08		78.36		77.94		78.98	
Feb 28	79.15		82.24		79.34		82.26	
Mar 6	76.72		85.48		76.20		85.59	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-March 2004 averaged 87.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-February of 6.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during February was 232 million eggs, five percent below the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.89 billion during February 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.89 billion table eggs, and 1.00 billion hatching eggs, of which 948 million were broiler-type and 54.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2004 averaged 339 million, down slightly from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,033 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2003.

February 2004 contained 29 days due to the leap year. Both February 2004 and February 2003 contained 20 weekdays, 1 holiday, and 4 Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2004, totaled 340 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 340 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.44 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2004, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.44 billion eggs during February 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during February, at 316 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

**LAYERS AND EGGS:** Selected States and U.S.,  
February 2004

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,190	161	60.4
Arkansas	14,919	262	60.6
California	20,676	430	71.7
<b>Florida</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>74.0</b>
Georgia	20,567	399	66.9
Indiana	23,084	478	71.4
Iowa	40,453	873	74.4
Maine	3,993	83	71.7
Maryland	3,100	66	73.4
Michigan	7,413	150	69.8
Minnesota	11,123	235	72.9
Mississippi	7,066	127	62.0
Missouri	7,166	151	72.7
Nebraska	11,839	254	74.0
New York	4,032	94	80.4
North Carolina	10,894	194	61.4
Ohio	27,109	542	68.9
Pennsylvania	23,938	519	74.8
South Carolina	5,166	105	68.8
Texas	18,534	370	68.8
Virginia	3,388	62	63.1
Washington	4,912	100	70.2
Other States	49,011	994	68.4
United States	338,948	6,891	70.1

## UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2004, was 59.3 million head. This was 2 percent above March 1, 2003, but 2 percent below December 1, 2003.

Breeding inventory, at 5.92 million head, was down 2 percent from March 1, 2003, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.4 million head, was 2 percent above last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

The December 2003 - February 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent more than 2003, and up slightly from 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.81 million head, 2 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.85 for the December 2003 - February 2004 period, compared to 8.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S. hog producers** intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2004 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003, and 3 percent below 2002. Intended farrowings for June-August 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 2 percent below the same period in 2003 and 1 percent below 2002.

**Hogs and Pigs:** Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2003-04, United States

	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	1,000 head		
MARCH 1 INVENTORY			
All hogs and pigs	58,183	59,315	102
Kept for breeding	6,017	5,915	98
Market	52,166	53,399	102
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS			
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:			
Under 60 pounds	19,086	19,679	103
60 - 119 pounds	12,649	12,993	103
120 - 179 pounds	10,915	11,088	102
180 pounds	9,516	9,641	101
SOWS FARROWING:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	2,769	2,814	102
March-May	2,885	2,852	99
December <sup>1/</sup> -May	5,655	5,666	100
June-August	2,906	2,851	98
September-November	2,841		
June-November	5,746		
PIG CROP:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	24,399	24,895	102
March-May	25,627		
June-August	25,869		
September-November	25,359		

<sup>1/</sup> December preceeding year.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,669,000 was 11 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 4,078,000, were two percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during February at 615,000 chicks was one percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 524,000 were four percent above a year ago.

### UNITED STATES

Leading breeders placed 7.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2004, up 10 percent from February 2003.

The February 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 728 million, was up 5 percent from February of the previous year. There were 648 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 2004, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 32.1 million, up 7 percent from February 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.3 million on March 1, 2004, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 285,000 during February 2004, up 29 percent from February 2003.

#### Hatchery production, United States

Item	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
<b>EGG-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	30,547	34,263	112
Chicks hatched during Feb	29,988	32,078	107
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	221	285	129
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	2,916	2,918	100
<b>BROILER-TYPE:</b>			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	630,187	647,596	103
Chicks hatched during Feb	694,590	727,936	105
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,659	7,340	110
7-15 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	62,371	60,821	98

<sup>1/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2002 through July 2003.

<sup>2/</sup> 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2002 through July 2003.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 191 million pounds of milk during February 2004, up two percent from the previous February. Production per cow of 1,375 pounds was seven percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 139,000, five percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2003. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the leap year causes February milk production to be down 1.8 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was down 1.0 percent from January 2003. The January revision represented a decrease of 11 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,531 pounds for February, 42 pounds above February 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 91,000 head less than February 2003, but 4,000 head more than January 2004.

#### Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		<i>Thous.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>
<b>FLORIDA:</b>				
February	2003	146	1,290	188
January	2004	140	1,435	201
February	2004	139	1,375	191
<b>20 MAJOR STATES:</b>				
February	2003	7,811	1,489	11,628
January	2004	7,716	1,619	12,491
February	2004	7,720	1,531	11,822
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>				
February	2003	9,145	1,470	13,441
January	2004	8,994	1,599	14,383
February	2004	8,994	1,513	13,610

#### Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,112	9,144	4,653	4,710	42,397	43,069
Apr-Jun	9,149	9,109	4,811	4,827	44,015	43,965
Jul-Sep	9,153	9,073	4,566	4,601	41,791	41,746
Oct-Dec	9,148	9,011	4,543	4,609	41,555	41,532
Annual Total	9,141	9,084	18,571	18,749	169,758	170,312

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2004 was 4.4 million pounds, 14 percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the

United States for February at 3.40 billion pounds, was three percent below 2003.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
<b>FLORIDA</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	7	7	6	16	13
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8	7	9	16	16
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,420	1,183	1,544	2,738	2,727
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.4
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	53	15	16	70	31
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.1	4.7	4.4	10.9	9.1
<b>UNITED STATES</b>					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,569	* 2,577	2,427	5,576	5,004
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,240	3,211	2,992	7,054	6,203
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,261	1,249	1,233	1,265	1,241
Beef production (million pounds)	1,942	* 1,924	1,803	4,233	3,727
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	83	79	72	177	151
Total liveweight (million pounds)	26	27	24	56	51
Average liveweight (pounds)	317	336	336	317	336
Veal production (million pounds)	16	16	15	34	31
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,686	* 8,789	7,886	16,486	16,675
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,049	2,362	2,111	4,401	4,473
Average liveweight (pounds)	267	269	268	267	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,523	* 1,758	1,571	3,275	3,329
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	226	219	213	466	432
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	30	31	30	62	61
LAMB AND MUTTON:	15	15	15	31	30
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,496	* 3,714	3,403	7,573	7,117

<sup>1/</sup> Does not include calf slaughter data.

\* Revised.